2. Use of improved high yielding variety seeds.

3. Harnessing ground water through tubewells, completing on-farm development works in command areas and completing the near completion irrigation projects and efficient use of the stored water.

4. Better Management of weeds and timely control of pests and diseases.

5. Bonus|incentive for production|procurement of foodgrains.

6. Increased flow of short term and long term credit.

The programme would be taken up in 169 districts in 14 States. The States proposed to be covered are:—

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Gujarat
5. Haryana
6. Karnataka
7. Madhya Pradesh
8. Maharashtra
9. Orissa
10. Punjab
11. Rajasthan
12. Tamil Nadu
13. Uttar Pradesh
14. West Bengal.

In all 106 districts would be taken up with rice, 72 for wheat, 28 each for maize and gram and 20 for arhar.

High Power body to boost Agricultural production

2528. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that the Centre have set up a high power Body to work out an action plan to boost agricultural production in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the amount provided for achieving the target by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programme would be taken up in 169 districts in 14 States. In all 106 districts will be covered under rice, 72 under wheat, 28 each for maize and gram and 20 for Arhar. Six pronged strategy has been suggested for increasing foodgrain production. The components are:

1. Increased fertiliser use by 20 kgs of nutrients per ha. (kg./ha)

2. Use of improved high yielding variety seeds.

3. Harnessing ground water throu tubewells, completing on-farm deve ment works in command areas and c pleting the near completion irrigation jects and efficient use of the stored w

4. Better management of weeds

5. Bonus|incentive for production|pro curement of foodgrains.

6. Increased flow of short term and long term credit.

(c) It has been recommended by the task force constituted for the purpose to provide additional funds to the extent of Rs. 368.30 crores for various components.

Task Force set up for action Plan on Agricultural Production

2529. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Task Force set up by the Prime Minister for Action Plan on Agricultural Production have finalised preliminary reports and if so, whether this would be made public in order to generate open fruitful discussion as has been published